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## EMERGENCY UTILIZATION AND PROTECTION OF LANDING FIELDS

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- leds, it is important that practice missions be directed insofar as possible toward the gathering of data and the formulation of plans for utilization and protection of airports and landing fields in event of emergency.
- 2. Utilization plans should include the plotting of courses and surveying of routes from the bases of CAP units to all other landing fields in the wicinity. It is especially desirable to compile data on potential emergency landing areas along such routes by spotting from the air, by ground surveys to verify aerial observations, and by periodic rechecks to note any improvements, new hazards or obstructions at these sites. Such information should be made readily available to all CAP units in the area.
- 3. Protection plans should include definite programs for protective concealment and for the placing of obstacles to prevent enemy landings. In event of raids, units of the Patrol should be prepared to strew fields with old motor vehicles, agricultural and road machinery, posts, wire, and similar obstructions which would make it impossible to land enemy airplanes. Units should immediately formulate complete plans as to assembly and placement of obstructions. Such plans should be kept in strict confidence. Only a few key men in each unit should have this information.

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